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SUBJ: DAMAGES TO AGRICULTURAL CROPS FROM JANUARY FLOODS

- 1. MINAG REP SANTA CRUZ INFORMS US THAT CROP DAMAGE IN THAT DEPARTMENT FROM JANUARY FLOODS WAS RELATIVELY MINOR, 1,500-1,800 HECTARES COTTON DESTROYED OUT OF 36,000 HECTARES PLANTED, I.E., 5 PERCENT LOSS. OUT OF 62,000 HECTARES SUGAR CANE PLANTED, 1,200-1,500 HECTARES DAMAGED BUT NOT DESTROYED. 68-70,000 HECTARES TO BE PLANTED IN SUGAR DURING 1977 SEASON.
- 2. MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH SUGAR IS DROP IN WORLD PRICE. SALE PRICE OF CANE IN SANTA CRUZ \$B298 PER TON, WHILE AVERAGE EXPORT PRICE IN 1977 \$B285 PER TON. 550,000 METRIC TONS SUGAR PRODUCED IN SANTA CRUZ DURING 1976, 52 PERCENT OF WHICH MARKETED LOCALLY; LEAVING 264,000 METRIC TONS FOR EXPORT. WE UNDERSTAND GOB PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN UPCOMING GENEVA TALKS ON POSSIBILITIES NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT AND THAT FERNANDO GASSER, PRIVATE BUSINESSMAN AND OWNER LARGE SUGAR REFINERY, LA BELGICA, LOCATED SANTA CRUZ WILL PROBABLY BE GOB'S REPRESENTATIVE.
- 3. IN OTHER CROPS, PURCHASE PRICE FOR RICE LOWERED 15 PERCENT TO HELP REDUCE EXCESS PRODUCTION PROBLEM WHICH AROSE 1976, BUT NEXT CROP ALREADY PLANTED AND ANOTHER EXCESS EXPECTED. MORE WOOD ALOS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEING PROCESSED IN SANTA CRUZ, PARTICULARLY BY JAPANESE LAMINATORS FOR EXPORT TO JAPAN.
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